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President's Message

It is my pleasure to report that a fair number of our members participated into CAWMC's first ever Mail Bid Auction. A list of prices realised shall appear in a future edition of Timber Talk. And we might have another auction in the near future, so stay posted.

I also learned recently that CAWMC's logo metal die, used to produce our Canada 150 medals, now sits in Montreal, at Rideau Recognition Solutions Inc. As usual, our members can use this die, free of charge, for their own medals. Please send me an e-mail if you are planning to use the die and for contact information. The same can be said about our logo die sitting at Canada Wide Wood, in Calgary.

Edith Gillcash, wife of one of our Governors, **Wayne Gillcash**, informed **Al Munro** that Wayne has been hospitalized for over two months, and may be hospitalized for an extended period. On behalf of the CAWMC, Al sent Get Well Soon flowers. We were told that Wayne greatly appreciated our thoughts and good wishes. We are also happy to hear that **Jim Smith** is back in his home (after wildfire evacuation) and back to making woods again.

Our Editor **Judy Blackman** proudly reports that 2017 is the best year yet with **58** contributions of articles and news to *Timber Talk*. Outside of our regular columns not included in the 58 (such as President's Message, convention reports, and Featured Wood of the Month, and Editor articles), we had contributions from **23** folks: **David Bawcutt** (4), **Peter Becker**, **Norm Belsten** (2), **Daniel Cawrey**, **Kevin Day-Thorburn**, **Jim Davis**, **Robert Fritsch** (3), **Robert Gabriel** (7), **Frank Galindo**, **Jerome J. Guenette**, **Joe Kennedy**, **Ross Kingdon** (3), **Pierre Leclerc**, **Duff Malkin** (3), **Al Munro** (5), **David "Rusty" Phillips** (7), **John Regitko** (5), **Ron Schmidt**, **Jim Smith** (3), **Gerry Tebben**, **Barry Uman** (4), **France Waychison**, and **Larry White**. **Without a doubt, CAWMC has the highest newsletter participation rate of any numismatic club publication in Canada! Be proud, keep submitting!**

And if you are like me and buy an agenda in December and pencil important events for the following year, don't forget to block time for the meeting of our Southern Ontario chapter at the **Ontario Numismatic Association Convention**, in Kitchener, ON, **April 20-22, 2018** and for our AGM at the **Royal Canadian Numismatic Association Convention**, in Mississauga, ON, **August 7-11, 2018**. I am looking forward to meeting you at either convention, or at both!

You can reach me at **France D. Waychison**, P.O. Box 466, Timmins, ON, P4N 7E3 or at france@waychison.com. With December bringing the holiday season, may you and your family be healthy, happy, safe, and enjoy the festive season with family and friends. If you make a seasonal wood, please send an image and details to **Norm Belsten** for inclusion in his catalogue, and to our Editor to report in Timber Talk.

Keep Well

France





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360° Wellness Inc.

Free Wood of the Month of December 2017 by Ross Kingdon

Our December featured wood is donated (via **Ken Munro**) by the **360° Wellness Inc.** centre in Spruce Grove Alberta. There are four centres in Alberta. The Spruce Grove location is the hub; it offers more services than the other three locations.

These services include: Acupuncture; Chiropractic; Foot specialist; Holistic nutrition; Ideal Protein® weight loss method; Life coaching; Massage therapy; Physiotherapy; Psychology; and Reiki.

360° Wellness opened in 2015 to serve the community of Spruce Grove with solutions to improve each individual's health. You'll find everything you need to cover 360 degrees of health under our one roof. For all ages from babies to the elderly, 360 is ready to help you!



Featured Woods:

- ♦ **Alberta Geocaching / Canada 150** (38mm)– January 2018 from **Eric Jensen**
- ♦ **Family Day (by Province)** - February 2018—donated by **Jim Smith** (woodencoin.com)
- ♦ **St. Patrick / Ides** - March 2018—donated by **Jim Smith** (woodencoin.com)
- ♦ **Gray Jay (variety 1) / Canada 150** (38mm) - April 2018—from **Al & Marion Munro**
- ♦ **Butterfly / Canada 150** (38mm) - May 2018—from **France Waychison**
- ♦ **IOWMC Belle / Robert Gabriel** (38mm) - June 2018 from **Robert Gabriel**
- ♦ **A Set of 2 Dog Woods** (38mm) - July 2018 from **Judy Blackman**
- ♦ **Medicine Hat / Canada 150** (38mm) - August 2018
- ♦ **CAWMC (revised logo) / Canada 150** (38mm) - September 2018 from **James Williston** (Canada Wide Woods)
- ♦ **Gray Jay (variety 2) / Canada 150** (38mm) —October 2018—from **Al & Marion Munro**
- ♦ **Wood Coin Collector / Busy** - November 2018—donated by **Jim Smith** (woodencoin.com)
- ♦ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - December 2018 (8300-138)
- ♦ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - February 2019 (8300-134)
- ♦ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - April 2019 (8300-132)
- ♦ **West Edmonton Coin & Stamp** - July 2019 (8300-137) - this is the last wood in the 8-wood series

Woods to be advised for these 2019 months: January, March, May, June, September-December. More donations are always welcomed!

Hallowe'en: This year's Hallowe'en found one house in Ontario giving out a kidscoin-world.com wood with an edible treat too, to each of the approximately 65 kids who came for a 'trick-or-treat.' Have you considered giving spare woods with treats to kids to maybe get some of them interested in the hobby of wooden token collecting?

November Timber Talk Clarification

It was brought to your Editor's attention, that the box below, which appeared in the November Timber Talk, may have led folks to believe the wood was free whereas the two SCC 2017 woods are \$1.00 CAD each.

Attend Scarborough Coin Club's 21st Annual Coin Show on Nov. 4, 2017, and receive a show wood!

The **C.A.W.M.C.** was founded on **January 1st, 1975**, by **Garry Braunwarth** (C-1) (pictured below) and **Victor B. Hall** (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

- C- 3 George Parfet
- C- 4 Leslie D. Copan
- C- 5 Norm Williams
- C- 6 Harold Butner
- C- 7 Frank J. DeGillo
- C- 8 N. R. Mack
- C- 9 Clarence C. Kramer
- C-10 Steve Penzes
- C-11 Alice Penzes
- C-12 Thomas W. King
- C-13 Tom Hudson
- C-14 Earl O'Cathey
- C-15 John K. Curtis
- C-16 Frank Harding
- C-17 Norman E. Wells
- C-18 John M. Plasterer
- C-19 Mary K. Plasterer
- C-20 Donna Streeter
- C-21 Gelvin Leeper
- C-22 Laura Foust
- C-23 Bruce Watt
- C-24 Rusty Bailey
- C-25 Bernice B. Fiedler
- C-26 Donald J. Thibodeau
- C-27 Donald J. Smith
- C-28 C. O. T. Y. Club
- C-29 James L. Betton, Jr.
- C-30 J. Douglas Ferguson
- C-31 Carolyn Hansen
- C-32 Tenino Wooden Money Society
- C-33 Reginald R. Smith
- C-34 Basil Latham
- C-35 Ricky Morse
- C-36 Don Stewart
- C-37 Mrs. M. Miners
- C-38 G. B. Davis
- C-39 Stanley M. Carling
- C-40 Gilvin A. (Corky) Ayers
- C-41 Don Cole
- C-42 Ernest Ruch
- C-43 Gerald A. Hathaway
- C-44 Robert S. Ross
- C-45 Norman R. Belsten

Garry Braunwarth >>>



Ready for Safe Mailing

by Ross Kingdon

The annual Christmas packages of our year 2017 "featured free woods of the month", are all ready for safe mailing.

This Christmas present is mailed annually to about three-quarters of our membership, who have not already had them personally delivered to them by myself or Al Munro. CAWMC has, again this year, had donated, a good variety of woods to share. We are so fortunate to have so many generous members who provide us with these woods. Hopefully all these packages will withstand the Canada Post machinery and arrive safely at their destination.

A huge "Thank You" goes out to those who have donated, namely our CAWMC President **France Waychison** and the **Timmins Coin Club**, to our Editor **Judy Blackman** who also wonderfully researches these woods, to Secretary **Al Munro** who has sought out so many of these woods as well as to one of our Past Presidents Neil Probert and also one of our wood manufacturing members **Jim Smith**. Many thanks to all.

Also included with these woods are two CAWMC "Enjoy The Hobby" promotional woods. Members can keep these woods and / or hopefully pass some to others in hopes of getting a new membership.

As our newsletters have indicated, we have already lined up free woods for much of the coming year 2018.

In closing, if you have not already done so, send off your CAWMC membership renewal to Al Munro, Box 2643, Stn. 'M' Calgary, AB, T2P 3C1 Canada. Do it now before you forget. For just \$10.00 a year you will never find a better bargain.

Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year to all.



CAWMC Director Recognized

Robert Gabriel sent your Editor the latest issue of the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Representative Program Newsletter 2017 Fourth Quarter MintMark. On page 10-11, **Robert (Bob) Fritsch** (CAWMC Director / Member and IOWMC Treasurer / Member recognition, under Nashua Coin Club and as reported by **Kevin Winn**, Secretary / Treasurer:



It's been quite a year for NCC Director Robert (Bob) Fritsch. Bob was awarded the Ray O. Lefman Medal of Merit at the 78th Annual Central States Numismatic Society Convention for his quiet assistance and contributions to society exhibit programs over many years. Then Bob won a best-of-show blue ribbon at the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's annual convention held in Bourcherville, P.Q., for his exhibit "Four Award Medals by Antoine Bovy." Bob has also picked up where he left off helping out the Nashua South High School Coin & Stamp Club, now that school is back in session. Bob is a former first-place exhibit prize winner for a fine display of medals at a previous New England Numismatic Association's annual convention, and he plans to try again for a gold coin prize this November.

Congratulations Bob, and thanks for giving back to our hobby!



History of CAWMC
Timber Talk
 Newsletter
 Editors

Jan. 1975 – Sept. 1979
 Garry Braunwarth

Oct. 1979 – July 1981
 Stan Clute

Aug. 1981 – July 1983
 Albert Kasman

Aug. 1983 – Oct. 1992
 Garry Braunwarth

Nov. 1992 – Dec. 1994
 Lou Vesh

Jan. 1995 – Aug. 2008
 Ross Kingdon
 (14 years!!!)



Above is a Dan Gosling photo
 of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2009
 Tony Hine

Jan. 2010 – Aug. 2010 Norm
 Belsten

Sept. 2010 – Current
 Judy Blackman, FONA, KStE



Puerto Rico Political Wood

Given how much Puerto Rico is in the news these days, with having to rebuild, and getting aid to the residents, your Editor thought a story about a wood from Puerto Rico might be interesting to our readers.



Carlos Antonio Romero Barceló ("Romero") is the maternal-grandson of Antonio Rafael Barceló (son of son of Jaime José Barceló Miralles from Palma, Majorca, Balearic Islands, Spain and Josefa Martínez de León from Naguabo), a former Union Party leader and advocate of Puerto Rican statehood during the early 20th century, and the son of Josefina Barceló Bird, the first woman to preside over a major political party in Puerto Rico. Romero was born in 1932 in San Juan, Puerto Rico to Antonio Romero Moreno and Josefina. His father was a lawyer and engineer who served as a Superior Court Judge. Romero attended the Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, graduating in 1949. He then attended Yale University to obtain his B.A. in Political Science and Economics in 1953. Later that same year, at age 21, Romero returned to Puerto Rico and enrolled at the University of Puerto Rico Law School, becoming a licensed lawyer in 1956. In 1977, he received his doctorate honoris causa from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. Romero, an avid supporter of Puerto Rican statehood within the United States of America, became involved with the Partido Estadista Republicano, the forerunner of the New Progressive Party, which at the time was led by Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez. Romero formed part of Ciudadanos pro Estado 51 (Citizens for the 51st State) in 1965. Later, he became involved with the political group Estadistas Unidos, founded by Luis Ferre. Romero was one of the founding members of the New Progressive Party in 1967. The following year he was elected Mayor of San Juan, becoming the first popularly-elected Mayor. During his second term, in 1973, he became the first Hispanic to become Vice-President of the National League of Cities and in 1974 he became President of the organization. Romero served as Mayor until 1976 when he defeated the incumbent Governor.

During his terms of office as Governor, Romero brought well-received economic resolutions to the island emphasizing the island's tourism potential. However, during his administration the economy recovered sluggishly, with unemployment dropping to 17% in 1979 from 19% in 1975, a disappointing 2% decline. The economy did not fully recover, and the island's government services deteriorated during his term of office. Moreover, his statements declaring the policemen that carried out the Maravilla murders to be heroes hurt his image. In 1980 Romero was elected for a second term as Governor by a margin of 3,037 votes (the closest gubernatorial elections in Puerto Rican history.) This required intervention by the Supreme Court to rule whether improperly cast ballots should be counted, especially 1,500 absentee ballots in favour of Romero cast by the Puerto Rico Statehood Students Association under Luis Fortuño. The New Progressive Party lost control of the legislature, and party-affiliated Mayors won in 28 of the 78 municipalities on the island. In Romero's second term as Governor, Puerto Rico was badly hit by a severe recession starting in 1980 and ending in 1983. The unemployment drastically rose to 25% in 1983, the highest since the Great Depression. In 1984, Romero lost his bid for a third term. In 1986, Romero was elected by his party to fill in a vacancy in the Senate of Puerto Rico, a position for which he did not seek re-election in 1988. Instead, he returned to his private law practice and shortly thereafter merged his law firm with Del Toro & Santana where he practiced until his election to Congress in 1992. He served as Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico from 1993 to 2001. Today Puerto Rico has a poverty rate over 45% (that was before the 2017 hurricane season hit). Puerto Ricans are by law natural-born citizens of the U.S.; however the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico does not have a vote in U.S. Congress, which governs this U.S. territory with full jurisdiction. This wood is from Romero's failed bid for a third term as Governor.



A Klawock Wood

by David Phillips

A totally new wood came my way recently, which required me to do some research as to its place of origin, and its issuers.

This wood comes from the small city of Klawock on Prince of Wales Island, which is a large island (4th largest in the U.S.) at the southern end of the Alaskan panhandle (see map below). Access to Prince of Wales Island is from Ketchikan (56 miles away) by either plane to Klawock Airport, or by ferry to Hollis then a 24-mile drive to Klawock.

The issuer of the wood is **A PLACE TO STAY** – a proprietorship owned and operated by **Wayne and Donna Baxter** of Klawock. They offer a choice of four cabins in which to stay, plus another building housing games rooms complete with exercise equipment and a socializing area.

Hunting & Fishing



Countless opportunities abound for the avid sportsman. Prince of Wales Island offers the finest in fresh and salt-water fishing. At **A PLACE TO STAY** you are only a ten-minute walk from the pristine waters of the Klawock River. During the springtime you can chase Steelhead and in the summer months the Coho Salmon abound. Try your luck with either fly-fishing or spin-casting. Saltwater fishing is nothing short of world-class. Huge Halibut ranging from 100-200 pounds lurk close to the surrounding shores and islands. King Salmon fishing offers an

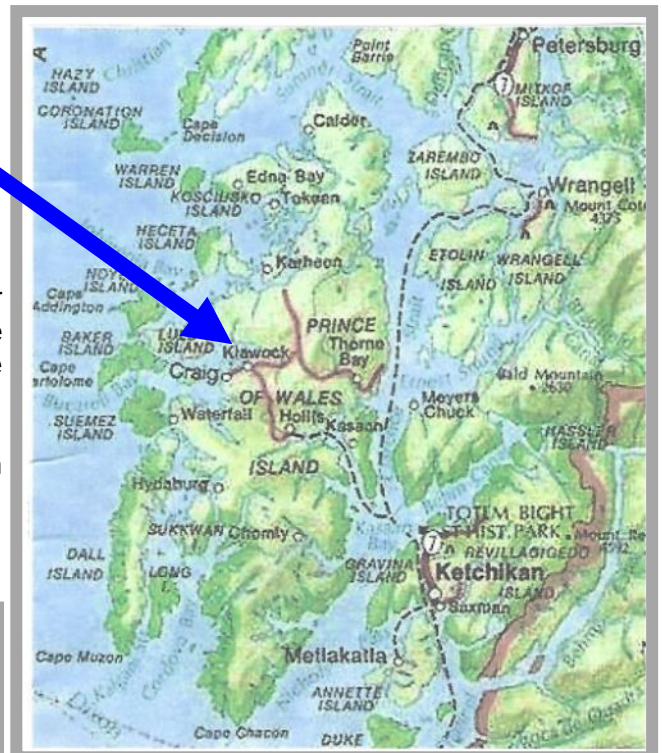
unforgettable experience unattainable at any other spot. If you are looking for a truly unique adventure, try for a giant Ling Cod or Yellow Eye.



100 of these woods were made in 2017, and will be distributed, over time, by the Baxters to interested guest of **A PLACE TO STAY**. They are the standard 1-1/2 inch (38mm) diameter size. No varieties were made at the time of this initial production.

MY THANKS are extended to Wayne and Donna for their cooperation in providing information re these woods. Much appreciated!

Editor's Note: Wayne and Donna Baxter also own Alaska Gifts in Craig, offering authentic Alaskan items, jewelry, art and frame-able art prints, artistic greeting cards, custom matting and framing, Kodak picture-maker machine, ready-made frames, plus much more. Craig is just south of Klawock.





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Red's Village Inne



In Norm E. Wells' 1979 *Canadian Wooden Money Tokens and Souvenirs* book, he explains the Rarity Scale as R-1 Common; R-2 Easily Obtained; R-3 Not Easily Obtained; R-4 Obtained with Difficulty; and R-5 Rare "UNIQUE." So imagine your Editor's excitement when she opened her mail on Nov. 3, 2017, to find a package containing an R-4 wood.

A note to your Editor from **Jim Smith (woodencoin.com)** reads, "Judy—My sister-in-law found 6 of these coins in a small store in Summerland. One for you. If you find history, please forward. Jim" The wood is listed in **Norm Belsten's** catalogue as 9734-001, 38mm, red / red, R-4. There is no quantity or year of issue noted in the listing. Now area code 250 (assigned to this phone number) did not come into being until Oct. 19, 1996, as a split-off from 604. So if this wood is the current 250-494-2581 it has to have been released after 1996. The active phone number is 250-494-2581 and is listed as a land line in Summerland, still active, but residential not commercial. Now an inactive 604-494-2581 number was listed to **Henrietta Colatruglio**. Al Munro located this wooden nickel in the early 1990s at a time they were extremely scarce; however since then, more have surfaced and this R4 factor should be revised to R3 or R2. Dave Byard who lives in Vernon just north of Summerland, may know more on issuer and quantity made. In researching the walking tour brochures for Summerland, your Editor found this information:

Arriving in town by train in 1921, parts of the Crowell Hotel from Midway became the Premiere Hotel with a bakery and taxi service in Summerland (10118 Main St.). The name changed (1975) to the NuWay Hotel and Café, and later to the Village Inn, operated by Mr. Estabrooks for many years. In 1978 the building was featured in a made-for-TV movie, the *Orchard Children*, starring Shirley Jones and Len Cariou. The hotel / café later became Red's Village Inne, followed by the Peppermill (chain restaurant), very briefly Peter's Place, and then became the Summerland Pharmacy in 1998 (which later relocated to 9515 Main St. as a PharmaSave). Now it is home to SASS Boutique, a very successful women's clothing store. SASS was established in 1995 in Summerland (but at a different location than 10118 Main St. which it relocated to later) and opened a second location in Penticton until after the new millennium (early 2000's).



Premiere Hotel

From the McLachlan Family, Papers, Doris E. McLachlan, Papers B. 1909-1930: William Johnston, with help from his wife, owned and operated the Premiere Hotel and its bakery and taxi service. The hotel was originally the Crowell Hotel of Midway, B.C. Doris Jackson, stepdaughter of William Johnston, married Joseph McLachlan. The businesses (hotel, bakery, taxi), including the wholesale business (garden nursery and florists) were owned and operated by the family until 1975.

From this information, we now can believe Red's Village Inne likely operated in the 1980s out of the building pictured above as Premiere Hotel. However, as to verifying ownership, operating dates, and reason for closure, your Editor could not do that without travelling to Summerland's registry office. Without locating the owner or owner's family members, or a past employee, it's not likely we can verify how many of these woods were made, by whom, and how they were distributed.

Scarborough Coin Club Show and Woods 2017

submitted by **David Bawcutt**, CAWMC and SCC Member

The Scarborough Coin Club had our 21st Annual Coin Show at Cedarbrook Community Centre on November 4, 2017. About 135 people attended our show which had about 20 tables; a club table with free giveaways, 1 display table, a free draw every half hour (items donated by dealers) and refreshments were available. Our displays consisted of the R.C.N.A. Canada 150 series of copper and silver Club medals, which included Scarborough, one case of foreign notes and a display of coins and notes of a Concentration Camp. The free giveaways were the 2017 My Canada My Inspiration coin collection folders from the Royal Canadian Mint, Canadian Coin News newspapers, the current issue of The Canadian Numismatic Journal from The Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, woods donated by Norm Belsten to give out to juniors who attended the show, and Canadian flag pins from the office of William Blair. We would like to thank everyone who helped to promote our show, which includes Canadian Coin News, the Bluffs Monitor and the many clubs who put the information in their newsletter. Our club produced a wood for the show in a quantity of 100 with black foil stamping both sides. For this year only our Club logo was replaced with the Canada 150 logo.

The Scarborough Coin Club is celebrating our 42nd Anniversary and our Christmas Party at our December 6th, 2017 meeting at Cedarbrook Community Centre starting at 6:30 p.m. We have made our annual anniversary wood for the occasion in a quantity of 100 with dark blue foil stamping both sides. We still have a number of 40th anniversary Club medals and the Scarborough Canada 150 copper medals for sale.

Our Club has produced 63 woods including the two 2017 Canada 150 1867-2017 woods and now 24 woods are sold out. A set of 39 woods or individual woods current or past are available for sale.



One significant result from our show is we signed up three new regular members and one new junior member. It is also important to have a consistent date and location for your show so you get familiar faces returning each year.

Wooden Money Collector

written by **David Bawcutt**, CAWMC and SCC Member (October 22nd, 2017)

The saying is to never take a wooden nickel but I couldn't resist it was free,
I branched out to a new form of money that actually does grow on a tree.
It is vital to buy the book which is a catalogue with over 9,000 Canadian woods,
There is a variety of reasons to issue a wood including promoting your goods.

Souvenir wooden money was first printed in 1933 for the Chicago World's fair,
In the late nineteen fifties woods came to Canada leading to excitement in the air.
There were a variety of shapes and sizes with the majority round and printed both sides,
They started small and thick then larger rounds and thinner to give out at weddings by the brides.

The first woods were called Broomsticks with the design pressed into the thick wood,
Most had a coat of varnish on them and they were hard to read which spoils the mood.
Today the commercial woods are 1 1/2" round and are foil stamped in various colours,
Since I enjoy woodworking I make the flats and use a rubber stamp which takes several hours.

I received my first wood when in 1983 I paid my membership for the Scarborough Coin Club,
Their woods started in 1981 on the 5th anniversary and today they are still the area's collecting hub.
Next they issued some commemorative woods which led to one for their annual coin show,
I have the complete collection but starting today will be a challenge with some years sold out now.

Individuals who have an interest in collecting woods also issue woods and distribute them free.

Other collectors return the favour and in no time you have a fine collection you must agree.

Sometimes you come across a wood that you do not know the person who issued it,
The fun starts with researching the person using the catalogue, internet and legwork to keep fit.

The main purpose of today's wood is to take home a memento of an anniversary or event,
A cash value may be attached to them but a true collector would not take them to a redeeming agent.

You can make a nice collection when the woods are issued yearly and now for some time,
Collectors anticipate adding another piece each year and if it was discontinued it would be a crime.

Some companies issue woods as a promotional tool to get their word out and to increase sales,
The artwork supplied to make dies for the foil stamping process can include an outline of whales.
Select key words to convey what you want to say with the right type size due to your limited space,
It is important to understand there are restrictions but you may include a silhouette of your face.

You can follow the same guidelines when collecting woods as any other item you are interested in,

Take your prepared want list in hand to a show and look through the unknown items in a bin.

Budget should not be a concern since most items are inexpensive but you do want to stay on track,
Attending a wood meeting there are draws, giveaways and auctions enticing you to come back.

New Bitcoin Wallet

Reference **Daniel Cawrey, CoinDesk**, Dec. 2013



Charley Lazaro, woodworker in Ottawa and owner of **The Woody Co**, used his laser engraving machine to design a wooden Bitcoin hand-sanded wallet which is personalized for the purchaser (optional: user's public wallet key, name / alias, company name, QR code). The wallet's QR codes are made by the laser etchings so the wallets are receive-only. In 2013 Charley was credited with making the first wooden bitcoin wallet (the same year bitcoin hit \$13 a coin), although there were several non-wood bitcoin wallets in the marketplace. He went on to design five other forms of this wood wallet concept. Charley's bitcoin wallets have a low price point with shipping included for anywhere in North America, unique design, Made in Canada craftsmanship, and he accepts bitcoin as a method of payment too.

Who says folks won't accept wooden nickels or other wooden money!?

Nearly \$70 USD for a Common?

On October 31st, 2017, your Editor spotted this ebay listing by seller little_debbies_fun_stuff, for US \$69.99 for a "Rare 1882-1957 Virden Manitoba Canada Wooden Nickel Unlisted Undiscovered." Further down in the listing it says, "This is not listed in the Manitoba token book. It's a rare piece." Obviously I wondered why it was so rare and why somebody would pay the equivalent of \$90.28 CAD plus shipping for this wood. It was very easy to find it in Norm's catalogue, 6880-001 (plus two varieties 6880-002 and 6880-002A) and clearly there were 5,000 made and its Rarity Rating is only a 1. I just can't see how this dealer can ask such a ridiculous price for this wood, claim it to be unlisted and undiscovered, and even more, that somebody may actually pay that for it.

Prior to the early 1990s the Virden wood was quite scarce. Al Munro had only seen about 5 in a five year period. He stopped in Virden, was referred to the Virden Museum where there was shirt box full of about 3,000 of the 1957 issue. The Museum sold only 1-2 per year so Al was able to negotiate a purchase for CAWMC as a featured wood. Little Debbie's current ebay listing refers to the Manitoba Trade Token book which does not list wooden tokens. Al is unaware of anyone buying any Virden woods from Debbie or the other two vendors who are asking \$7.50 to \$15.00 for their copies. Al says, "You can ask any price you want but, if no one pays it, the asking price does not determine value. No sales are recorded in completed sales on ebay."



2017/2018 Likely Student Woods

Likely is situated at the mouth of 100 km-long Quesnel Lake. The lake lays claim to being the deepest fjord lake in the world and the area surrounding it is a part of the only inland temperate rainforest in the world, giving it a unique climate. Likely is a small rural community in the Cariboo Region, nestled in the foothills of the Cariboo Mountains. This area played a significant role in the Cariboo Gold Rush of 1859 when rough-edged boom towns like Quesnel Forks, Cedar City, and Keithley Creek had overnight populations in the thousands, predating Barkerville.

Today Likely is a friendly rural centre with a population around 350 people (about 100 school-age children). Facilities include a school, community hall, a museum and visitor centre at the provincial park, a chapel, a library with high-speed internet, and a post office. Amenities offered include a general store, a café, a pub-hotel, a restaurant-post office, a motel, bed'n'breakfast inns and lodges, numerous recreation sites and a Class "C" Provincial Park, guiding operations and guided tours. The Cedar Point Provincial Park includes a new boat access, a bigger and deeper paved boat launch area, and three new docks (all installed 2016), camping, sani-dump, drinking water, shower house, baseball diamond, day-use area, children's play area, swimming area, mining museum equipment, Cedar City Museum, and Visitor Information Centre all located within the Park.

Likely's surrounding areas have many crystal clear lakes and rivers. The area supports recreational activities such as snowmobiling, mountain biking, ATV trails, white-water rafting, kayaking, and walking and hiking trails. The area is known for world-class fishing, hunting and outback camping. Likely is the gateway to the Cariboo Mountains.

These three woods were made by Jim Smith of woodencoin.com with about 300 of each made. The students get these woods for good behaviour on the school bus, practising safety, reading books, and overall positive student conduct. The Likely Rural School Bus Wise Owl Safety Award is awarded by L. Marie H.—Likely B.C., and the wood lists 10 safety rules on the reverse. The Likely School Student Coin Book Club shows 10 Books on the reverse. Likely School Award for is School District 27 Caribou-Chilcotin, which includes the Likely Elementary School located on North Second Avenue in Williams Lake. There are 13 elementary, 6 junior secondary, 2 secondary, and 1 alternate school for 22 schools served by the school bus system. The Wise Owl Programs (youth and adult) run for different areas of the community throughout B.C. with varying sponsors. These kill beetle / fir woods are 43mm, silk-screened, then a child-safe lacquer is applied.

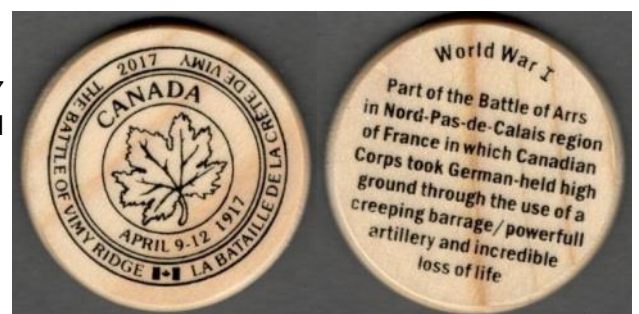


Political and Commemorative Woods



One 2015 wood missed in earlier reporting, is the political wood, Hayseed Award: Williams Lake B.C.—Mayor Walt Cobb on CBC Radio—Sept 25, 2015 said “Mount Polley Mine Tailing Breach Spilled Nothing but Water & Silt—Aug / 2014.” The reverse lists the MoE 2013 registration information. The lakes were impacted during this breach, as evidenced by the impact on water life and land nature. There was much controversy over the truthfulness of the mine's and the government's reports.

The 2017 wood commemorates 100 years since April 9-12, 1917 Battle of Vimy Ridge. The reverse gives the history of the event and confirms the service of Canadian Corps.



Recent New Hampshire Wooden Nickels

by Robert (Bob) Gabriel

It's always nice adding a piece or two to your own collection. This past month I stumbled on three different woods during my New Hampshire travels. Even though they are not Officials, but of the common variety, it's still a good feeling uncovering new pieces from your home state. I believe most wood collectors start by collecting their home state and venture out from there – to soon find that their life is overcome with wood, forcing them to realize that narrowing the focus may be best. The late wooden money legend **Bill Snyder** (KY) told me when I got started that the number one thing I needed to do before jumping in 'is to figure out what your focus will be' and boy was he ever right.

Anyway, the NH woods I uncovered were #1 **Anheuser Bush Brewery** in Merrimack NH that gives woods good for a free beer in the lounge after you have taken a brewery tour. #2 was from **Currier Orchards** also in Merrimack NH, which provides the youngsters with a wood good for a free apple after they visit an orchard seasonal event. On inquiry they told me they have been doing this for years but it was only recently that I stumbled on to it. Lastly #3 was from the new Hampton NH facility of **Smuttnose Brewing Company**. This modern micro-brewery is state-of-the-art and has a restaurant called Hayseed attached. During a weekly '25-cent donation community pint night' each patron is given a wood good for 25-cents for each pint they order in the restaurant. As the patron leaves there are bins at the door depicting several area non-profit agencies that you drop the wood into. The next day the woods are counted by management and a cheque is issued equaling the amount of 25-cent woods that were put into the bin. Smuttnose rotates the receiving organizations so that all area non-profits can take part in the weekly event.

On further review I find NCC member **Cliff LoVerme** passed me one of these several months ago – thanks Cliff. I believe there is an older brewery in Portsmouth NH that started these type of events years ago and other area breweries are getting on board. On a personal note – I always found that beer and wood go good together and these offerings get my enthusiastic participation.



Editor's Note:

CHEERS to the HEROES was held Nov. 6-12, 2017, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All Veterans, retired, Army, Military, Coast Guard, Navy, EMS, and Police received 25% off in the Gift shop. Day Fresh and Beer-master Tours were FREE for all mentioned above.

A hand-crafted Artisan WOODEN flag from local craftsman, **Brian Snell** of *Rustic Glory* was raffled off. On site was "Dogs on Deployment", a resource for military members to locate volunteers willing to board their pets during their service commitments. Donations were also accepted for Toys for Tots. Also \$1 from every beer sold was donated to The New England Paralyzed Veterans of America.



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